

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 87-12A004."

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 87-00004 was issued to AMT—The Association For Manufacturing Technology ("AMT") on May 19, 1987 (52 FR 19371, May 22, 1987) and subsequently amended on December 11, 1987 (52 FR 48454, December 22, 1987), January 3, 1989 (54 FR 837, January 10, 1989), April 20, 1989 (54 FR 19427, May 5, 1989), May 31, 1989 (54 FR 24931, June 12, 1989), May 29, 1990 (55 FR 23576, June 11, 1990), June 7, 1991 (56 FR 28140, June 19, 1991), November 27, 1991 (56 FR 63932, December 6, 1991), July 20, 1992 (57 FR 33319, July 28, 1992), May 10, 1994 (59 FR 25614, May 17, 1994), December 1, 1995 (61 FR 13152, March 26, 1996), and October 11, 1996 (61 FR 55616, October 28, 1996).

Summary of the Application

Applicant: AMT—The Association For Manufacturing Technology ("AMT"), 7901 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-4269.

Contact: Andrew J. Shapiro, legal counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-5447.

Application No.: 87-12A004.

Date Deemed Submitted: February 5, 1998.

Proposed Amendment

AMT seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add as "Members" the following companies: Aldridge Grinding Machine Co., Huntsville, Alabama; Alliance

Automation Systems, Rochester, New York; Alliance Manufacturing, Inc., Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin; Apex Broaching Systems, Warren, Michigan; Azon USA, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan; Defiance Machine & Tool Co., Maryland Heights, Missouri; Durant Tool Company, Warwick, Rhode Island; Grob Systems, Inc., Bluffton, Ohio; J&S Tool Company, Inc., Livingston, New Jersey; Jewett Automation, Richmond, Virginia; Liberty Precision Industries, Rochester, New York; Manufacturing Technology, Inc., Ventura, California; Mayfran International, Cleveland, Ohio; Mitts & Merrill L.P., Harvard, Illinois; Process Control Automation, Inc., Montague, Missouri.

2. Delete as "Members" the following companies: Hobart Laser products; ISI Robotics; Mattison Technologies; Milman Engineering Inc.; Modern Machine Works, Inc.; Niagara Falls Grinders.

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current "Members" cited in this paragraph to the new listing cited in parenthesis as follows: Command Corporation International (Command Tooling Systems LLC); Cone Blanchard Machine Systems (Cone-Blanchard); Eaton Leonard Inc. (Eagle Eaton Leonard); Gleason Corp. (The Gleason Works); Grinding Technology Inc. (GTI Technologies, Inc.); Hardinge Brothers, Inc. (Hardinge Inc.); Komo Machine, Inc. (Komo Butler); PH Hydraulics & Automation, Inc. (PH Group, Inc.); Tenco Industries, Inc. (Tenco Industries, Inc., Division of RMT Technologies); Western Atlas (Unova Inc.).

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No.: 980212034-8034-01]

Notice of Opportunity for Collaboration

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs (OETCA), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, is seeking a private sector partner to produce and distribute both a print and an electronic directory of U.S. exporters and export intermediaries.

DATES: Proposals should be sent no later than March 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send proposals to Mort Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Bachman, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title I of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-4003) mandates that the Office of Export Trading Company Affairs (OETCA) provide a referral service to facilitate contact between producers of exportable goods and services and firms offering export trade services. In support of this mandate and for several years, OETCA has produced and distributed, in partnerships with a private sector firm, a directory listing trade contact information on U.S. manufacturers, service organizations and export trade intermediaries under the name "Export Yellow Pages®" (EYP).

The EYP includes trade contact information on approximately 17,000 U.S. companies, primarily small and medium sized firms, that have registered their export interests with OETCA's Contact Facilitation Service (CFS), a computerized database. Registration on the CFS, and the directory, is free of charge. Display advertising can be purchased for a fee.

A minimum of 50,000 copies of the EYP have been printed annually. They have been distributed free of charge, primarily through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Export Assistance Centers (domestically) and through U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad. In 1997, OETCA implemented a pilot program to make the directory available to the public on-line via the Internet. The directory is also made available in electronic form through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Trade Databank (NTDB), an electronic clearinghouse that provides information to the public for a subscription fee.

OETCA is now seeking a new partner to produce and distribute both a print and an electronic directory of U.S. exporters and export intermediaries. The private sector partner will be responsible for:

1. Printing a minimum of 50,000 copies of the directory and delivering them to the sites designated by OETCA;
2. Issuing the first print edition of the directory no later than December 31, 1998 and filling orders throughout

the year, issuing subsequent editions no later than December 31st on an annual basis;

3. Establishing, maintaining, and operating, on a continuous basis, an electronic version of the directory that is available to the public via the Internet for World Trade Week, usually the third week in May;

4. Inviting U.S. firms to participate in the directory as registrants, free of cost, or as display advertisers for a competitively determined fee;

5. Collaborating with OETCA on the design of a revised CFS registration form to be used in hard-copy and on-line;

6. Ensuring that the directory contains appropriate material only, particularly ensuring that the directory promotes U.S. exports and not U.S. companies seeking to import or attract foreign investment; and,

7. Providing OETCA the opportunity to review and comment on the content of the directory.

A copy of the Export Yellow Pages® print directory and additional information on the responsibilities of the parties may be obtained through the contact above. The electronic directory can be accessed via the Internet at <http://export.uswest.com>.

OETCA is looking for a partner that:

(1) Has a successful track record in publishing, preferably involving both directory-type publications and Internet-based services, and the timely distribution of publications both domestically and internationally;

(2) Has sufficient financial resources to ensure a sustainable long-term partnership;

(3) Has dedicated managerial and staff resources to ensure the continued development and improvement of the product and its distribution;

(4) Will provide strong customer service, to meet the needs of the advertisers in the directory and the Department of Commerce;

(5) Has demonstrated managerial and technical ability to continually enhance the quality of both the printed and electronic versions of the directory, including substantial experience with the use of interactive media;

(6) Has the ability to develop and support the use of the electronic version of the directory as a medium for electronic commerce; and

(7) Has a demonstrated interest in export activities and in assisting OETCA in fulfilling its mandate to promote exports of U.S. goods and services.

Interested parties should send a proposal (including a proposed time line for the issuance of both the print and electronic versions of the directory), as well as corporate bona fides

including financial data (in audited form if available), to the above address. The proposal can also be sent by fax at (202) 482-1790.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The information collection requirements in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 0625-0120.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. § 175; 22 U.S.C. § 2455(f); and, 15 U.S.C. §§ 4001-4003.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010698C]

International Whaling Commission; Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice sets forth guidelines for participating on the Committee and a tentative schedule of meetings and other important dates.

DATES: March 6, 1998, 2:00 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information and tentative dates of additional interagency meetings in 1998.

ADDRESSES: The March 6, 1998, meeting will be held in Room 1863, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, Washington, DC. Copies of nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the May IWC meetings should be sent to Catherine Corson, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 13th floor, SSMC3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Corson, telephone: (301) 713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The March 6, 1998, Interagency Committee meeting will review recent events relating to the IWC and will review the agenda for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who is also the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in United States whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

Tentative Meeting Schedule

The tentative schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 1998 follows. Confirmation of Interagency Committee meeting times, dates and locations will be provided in future Federal Register notices.

March 1, 1998: Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the May IWC meetings are due to the U.S.